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IS INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE
KAHAMA TO PRESIDENT FORD WGCH WAS DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON
JULY 5.

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA
AND MY OWN BEHALF, I WISH TO SEND TO YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTFELT WISHES
ON YOUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

AMERICA'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TWO HUNDRED
YEARS AGO WAS A BOLD ACT OF EMANCIPATION AND AN EXPRESSION
OF MAN'S INCESSANT LOVE FOR LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND QUALITY.
SINCE THEN YOUR NATION HAS GROWN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH
AND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD. ITS
ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND IN GIVING A FULL
MEANING TO THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND THE RULE
OF LAW IN A WORLD OTHERWISE CHARACTERISED BY RACIAL
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AND POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY, ARE AN INSPIRATION

TO NEW NATIONS LIKE OURS.

I HOPE THAT AS YOUR COUNTRY ENTERS THE THIRD
CENTURY, YOUR NATION WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER AND ACT
AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT A TRULY UNITED AND DETERMINED
PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE.

SERETSE M. KHAMA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
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